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SCHOOL REPORT.

The Superintending School Committee of the town of Bennington submits to the parents and legal voters the following report :

We claim that the past year has witnessed more than usual interest in the advancement of our schools. The subscription schools in two districts, one of nine weeks and the other of eight weeks, was of great benefit to the scholars attending, and reflects much credit upon the parents for their liberality, and upon the teachers employed for their faithfulness in their labors.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

The primary department in this district was taught by Miss EMMA F. ROBERTSON with her usual success. She can almost be regarded as a permanent fixture in this district, having taught in this department no less than fifteen terms.—It shows the wisdom of the prudential committee in securing her services for so long a time. No one unacquainted with the scholars and the wants of the district could do so well as this teacher for a term or two. In our frequent visits to this school, we have always found the school-room in good order, neat and clean, which we consider one of the essential requisites in a primary school. The habits of neatness and order should be instilled into the minds of children at a very early age, and when they are old they will not depart from them. The grammar department of this school was successfully taught by teachers living in the district. Many had fears that

that essential requisite to a good school, *order*, would be a failure, for without it it would be impossible for scholars to improve in the various branches taught in this school, but the result proved those fears to be groundless.

The spring term taught by MISS IDA L. KING, was a successful one, and the examination at the close of the school showed that the ground passed over was well understood by the scholars.

The winter term, by FRANK E. WHITNEY as teacher, was a very profitable one for the scholars that "had a mind to the work." His manner of teaching was excellent, and no one that tried to learn failed in the attempt. It was found necessary during the term to expell one scholar from school for willful misconduct. Such cases have been rare with us, but in this case it was imperatively necessary.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Employed female teachers both summer and winter. The summer term kept by MISS ABBIE M. McILVIN, was a very good school considering the experience of the teacher, but she labored diligently and accomplished good results. The winter term, taught by MISS SADIE M. HOLMAN, was remarkably good. Rarely have we witnessed so much real progress made in one term. The scholars were diligent in their studies, obedient to the rules of the school, and made a marked progress in scholarship for a term of only eleven weeks. The district had a subscription school in the spring, at a cost of forty-five dollars, which was well expended. This shows the interest the parents take in the education of their children. They will be sure to reap the reward "after many days." Some necessary repairs should be made in the schoolroom, which we trust will be done before another term.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

This district, united with No. 4 in Greenfield, had but one term of twelve weeks, taught by MISS FANNIE I. LAKIN. As the prudential committee and most of the scholars belonged in Greenfield, I did not visit the school at the commencement, but attended the examination at the close of the term. Judging from the appear-

ance of the school I should think a good work had been done. The scholars were remarkably quiet and orderly and made a good advancement in their studies.

From the foregoing brief synopsis of the schools I am led to make the following remarks :

The introduction of the Franklin series of readers in exchange for Hillards, and of Warren's word speller in the grammar school, I consider highly beneficial. This series of reading books are now used in all the schools in town. No change in readers will have to be made for some years to come ; and while our schools have not fallen from the standard of former years, one question paramount above all others and worthy of our consideration is : How can we increase their usefulness and make them more efficient, growing better year by year ? In the first place we need more co-operation of the parents with the teacher. Let the teacher know that he will be sustained in all his efforts to preserve order in the schoolroom, and to command a diligent attention to study during school hours. Let every parent see that his children are not absent or tardy for a single day without a good and sufficient excuse, and strive by every means in your power to have them submit to all needful rules and regulations of the schoolroom.

Without your co-operation the school is a feeble thing. Unsustained and uncared for it can do but little good ; it needs the sympathy and demands the exertions of every parent and every citizen. Give this to your schools, select the best teachers that can be found, and it will be impossible for your schools to become a failure.

ROLL OF HONOR

Containing the names of all pupils who have been present every half day of a term without being tardy.

	1st term.	2nd term.		1st term.	2nd term.
Adah M. Colby,	"	"	Nora G. Dodge,	"	
James R. Colby,	"	"	Lila A. Flagg,	"	
Fred H. Colby,		"	Addie M. Taylor,	"	
George Woodbridge,		"	Grace E. Wilson,	"	
Edward A. Newton,		"	Mary L. Woods,	"	
Fred P. Waite,		"	Pettee C. Chaney,	"	
Lizzie Eaton,	"	"	Willie B. Whitney,	"	"
Ellen Eaton,	"	"	Eddie S. Whitney,	"	"
Charles H. Gray,	"	"	George Gray,	"	"
Alonzo George,	"		Hillman Burtt,	"	"
Mary L. Martin,	"				

AMOUNT OF SCHOOL MONEY IN EACH DISTRICT.

District No. 1,	\$465 00	District No. 3,	\$27 22
" " 2,	74 80		

The uniform kindness of parents, teachers and pupils in the several interviews I have had with the schools, merits and receives my warmest thanks.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN H. FLEMING,

Superintending School Committee.

Bennington, March 1, 1879.

TEXT-BOOKS IN USE:—Bible; Franklin series of Readers; Progressive Spelling Book and Warren's word speller; Colburn's Mental and Greenleaf's series of Arithmetics; Cornell's and Harper's Geographies; Ker's Grammar; Quackenbos' History of the United States; Mahew's Book-Keeping; Writing; Dutton & Scribner's system of Penmanship.

FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1879.

The Selectmen to the town,

Dr.

To taxes on Favor's list of 1875,	\$ 53 47	
" " " " " " 1876,	91 91	
" " " Colby's " " 1877,	458 55	
" " " " " " 1878,	3378 78-	\$3982 71

Cr.

By paying Treasurer from Favor's list of 1876,	\$ 57 99	
" " " " Colby's " " 1877,	403 00	
" " " " " " 1878,	2307 00	
" abatement of taxes on the lists of 1875-6-7		
and 1878,	207 28	
" highway receipts given treasurer,	54 72	
" uncollected taxes on Colby's list of 1878,	952 72-	\$3982 71

William Eaton, Treasurer, to the town,

Dr.

To ballance of money from last year,	\$ 177 97	
Money from Favor's list of 1876,	57 99	
" " Colby's " " 1877,	275 00	
" " " " " " 1877,	128 00	
" " " " " " 1878,	2307 00	
Money for use of Town Hall,	18 00	
Non-Resident highway receipts,	54 72	
Savings Bank tax,	254 47	
Railroad tax,	21 21	
Literary Fund,	35 50	
Received from County,	12 00-	\$3341 86

William Eaton,

CR.

By paying State tax and express,	\$436 25	
County tax,	338 85	
Non-Resident highway receipts on George Colby's list,	54 72-	\$829 82

SCHOOL ORDERS.

District No. 1,	\$465 00	
“ “ 2,	74 80	
“ “ 3,	27 22-	\$567 02

SUPPORT OF PAUPERS.

J. G. Abbott, for coffin and robe for Mrs. Wilson,	\$17 00	
J. G. Abbott, for casket and box for James Pond's child,	8 50	
Mrs. Wm. B. Walker, cash,	5 00	
G. A. Whittemore, goods for Mrs. Walker,	37 34	
J. C. Dodge, boarding Mrs. Page,	28 50	
Amos Martin, work for Mrs. Walker,	30-	\$96 64

ROADS AND BRIDGES, (in addition to highway tax.)

John D. Wilson, labor on highway,	\$ 8 00	
O. G. Smith, “ “ “	3 75	
George L. Wilson, labor on bridge,	4 50	
B. F. Martin, grading road near the Baldwin bridge,	115 00	
J. M. McCarty, for sand and labor,	16 00	
G. D. Pollard, for lumber and labor on river bridge,	22 00	
Wm. L. Taylor, for railing, iron, work and plank,	14 74	
Moses H. Newton, for work on road,	15 65	
James Pond, “ “ “ “	4 50	
Wm. L. Taylor, showing bridge and labor,	21 48	
Edward E. Smith, labor on road,	8 02	
Alfred Gray, labor on bridge,	7 75	
G. L. Wilson, “ “ “	1 12	

Benj. Bullard, plank and labor,	\$ 2 25	
John D. Butler, work on road,	3 00	
J. E. Favor, " " "	14 38	
O. G. Smith, " " "	2 25-	\$264 39

BREAKING ROADS.

John D. Cooper,	\$ 7 55	
Edward E. Smith,	12 45	
F. G. Smith,	1 92	
Wm. Gillis,	8 55	
Moses H. Newton,	12 15	
Levi Colby,	7 80	
Benj. Bullard,	7 85	
David Roach,	6 88	
James Quimby,	4 10	
Armon C. Bullard,	5 96	
Wm. L. Taylor,	2 25	
Wm. H. Darrah,	1 00	
Lewis A. Knight,	1 00	
J. C. Dodge,	2 40	
C. D. Woodbridge,	4 50	
Levi Colby,	4 40	
James E. Favor,	2 00	
Benj. Bullard,	3 85	
J. C. Dodge,	2 25	
A. C. Bullard,	4 04	
Moses Robinson,	1 00-	\$103 90

MONEY PAID TOWN OFFICERS.

George Colby, for collector in 1877,	\$ 3 92	
Wesley Wilson, 1st selectman,	47 30	
John C. Dodge, 2nd " "	24 00	
Benj. F. George, 3rd " "	31 00	
Wesley Wilson, town clerk,	12 00	
William Eaton, treasurer,	15 00	
John H. Fleming, S. S. Committee,	16 00	
George Colby, collector,	29 42	
Wesley Wilson, overseer of poor,	2 00	
Francis M. Hills, auditor,	3 00	
John H. Fleming, " "	3 00	
C. H. Kimball, truant officer,	1 12-	\$187 76

NOTES AND INTEREST PAID.

Rachel Wilson, paid on her note,	\$ 20 00	
John Dodge, donation to Congregational Society to Amos Whittemore,	12 00	
William Eaton,	200 00	
Mrs. C. S. A. Hodgkins,	50 00	
J. W. Flagg, interest on note,	104 63-	\$386 63

MISCELLANEOUS TOWN EXPENSES.

Lewis A. Knight, bounty of foxes	\$ 2 50	
Farnum & Scott, printing town reports,	15 00	
Benj. D. Felch, blankets for tramp house and express on reports,	4 25	
Bounty on hawks,	80	
Morrill & Silsby, stationery,	4 50	
Archibald Winn, land damage,	25 00	
B. F. Gould, taking care of fire engine,	25 00	
Levi Colby, watering trough,	1 50	
F. M. Hills, tolling bell,	1 00	
George A. Whittemore, nails,	96	
Edward Hersey, taking care of hall,	15 00	
Morrill & Silsby, for warrants and express,	51	
Fire Engine Company,	77 50	
William L. Taylor, watering trough,	3 00	
A. & G. A. Whittemore, rent for engine house,	12 00	
James Ross, bounty on foxes,	1 00	
J. C. Dodge, for horse hire to Keene,	7 50	
B. F. George, expense to Keene,	4 00	
J. E. King, for plank and timber,	6 48	
James E. Favor, watering trough,	1 50	
George E. Colby, overpaid on tax list, 1877,	24 16	
John H. Fleming, furnishing books to poor children,	1 14	
Wesley Wilson, car and stage fare,	9 00	
“ “ for work and postage,	8 21	
“ “ for keeping tramps,	28 50	
G. E. Colby, watering trough and work,	2 55-	\$282 56

RECAPITULATON.

Money and receipts put into the treasurer's hands from		
March 1, 1878, to March 1, 1879,	21.10	\$3352 52

We credit the treasurer with paying the following sums :

By paying state tax,	\$ 436 25	
“ “ county tax,	338 85	
Non-resident receipts on Colby's list,	54 72	
School orders,	567 02	
Support of paupers,	96 64	
Roads and bridges,	264 39	
Breaking roads,	103 90	
Notes and interest paid,	386 63	
Town officers,	187 76	
Miscellaneous town expenses,	282 56-	\$2718 77
Leaving a ballance in the treasury of		\$633 80,

TOWN HALL ACCT.

Received from town hall, over expenses,	3 25
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Abatement of taxes made by the selectmen on the tax lists of 1875-6-7 and 1878.

On James Favor's list of 1875.

Taylor D. Lakin,	\$22 50	
Alfred Gray,	14 95	
Orville A. Wilson,	4 50	
Lorenzo D. Richardson,	2 25	
Frank S. Smith,	2 58	
Edward E. Smith,	4 39	
Loren H. Flanders,	2 25-	\$53 42

On James Favor's list of 1876.

Armon C. Bullard,	\$8 35	
Robert E. Dickey,	1 90	
Noah G. Payrow,	2 43	
Lorenzo D. Richardson,	1 90	
Orville A. Wilson,	1 90	
Frank S. Smith,	1 11	
Joel B. Smith,	1 90	
Frances Burnham's heirs,	4 20	
John D. Cooper,	6 43-	\$30 12

On Colby's list of 1877.

Harvey Doane,	\$ 1 55
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George A. Ayer,	\$ 8 20	
Henry Judkins,	1 55	
John Maltese,	1 55	
Taylor D. Lakin,	68 69	
Edward E. Smith,	4 53	
Frank E. Whitney,	1 55	
Eugene Stone,	1 55	
Peter Peters,	2 79	
Wm. T. Dailey,	1 55	
George Oaks,	1 45	
George Osbern,	1 55	
Thomas Osbern,	1 55	
Lorenzo D. Richardson,	1 55-	\$99 61

On George Colby's list of 1878.

Philetta Martin,	\$ 3 24	
John Clark,	1 56	
Frank Kiterett,	4 56	
Samuel A. Dodge,	1 56	
John Ewing,	1 56	
Nerr B. Garside,	1 56	
John H. Garside,	1 56	
Edward Howard,	1 56	
Sylvester O. Conner,	1 56	
Richard H. Sherry,	1 56	
Orville A. Wilson,	1 56	
George J. Whittemore,	2 29-	\$24 13

TOWN LIABILITIES.

Notes due from town.

Note number 2,	\$ 31 17	Note number 14,	\$ 124 63
" " 3,	201 00	" " 15,	90 33
" " 4,	178 65	" " 16,	1390 83
" " 5,	595 50	" " 17,	278 69
" " 7,	1588 54	" " 18,	413 90
" " 8,	329 36	" " 19,	250 00
" " 9,	1292 40	" " 20,	812 09
" " 10,	548 99	" " 21,	162 41
" " 11,	246 86	" " 22,	672 77
" " 13,	85 90	" " 23,	301 67
			\$9595 69

AVAILABLE ASSETS.

Money in treasurer's hands,	\$633 80	
Tax on Colby's list of 1878,	952 72	
Willard S. Carlin, timber of town,	10 00-	\$1596 52
Total indebtedness of the town,		\$7999 17
Reduction of debt from last year,	\$658 67	

We have examined the above report of the Selectmen and Treasurer, and find it accurately cast and properly vouched.

F. M. HILLS,
JOHN H. FLEMING, } Auditors.

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF BENNINGTON.

Town of Bennington to Wesley Wilson,

Dr.

To 9 days making taxes,	\$18 00	
" 2 " going to Manchester and expenses,	5 50	
" 2 " at Amherst,	4 00	
" writing town warrants,	30	
" 1 day laying out road,	2 00	
" 1 " making checklist and warrants,	2 00	
" 1 " going to Nashua,	2 00	
" 2 days at Keene and expenses,	7 50	
" $\frac{1}{2}$ day at depot,	1 00	
" $\frac{1}{2}$ " on Francestown road,	1 00	
" $\frac{1}{2}$ " to Hancock to see Felch,	1 00	
" 1 " settling town accounts,	2 00	
" $\frac{1}{2}$ " " " " "	1 00-	\$47 30

To John C. Dodge,

Dr.

For services as selectman 12 days,	\$24 00	
To horse, wagon to Keene, 2 days and expense,	7 50-	\$31 50

To B. F. George,

Dr.

For services as selectman 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ days,	\$31 00	
Expenses at Keene,	4 00-	\$35 00

List of names of persons who have not paid their taxes on Colby's list of 1878, March 1st, 1879.

	Town tax.	School House tax.	Dog. tax.
George W. Burns,	\$ 22 59	90	
Asa Bailey,	1 50	06	
Nathaniel E. Dickey,	4 50	18	1 00
John Flagg,	1 98	08	
Gilman Foote,	5 64	23	
Charles H. Favor,	1 50	06	
Alfred Gray,	1 02		
James McCarty,	6 00	24	
John McCarty,	1 50	06	
Lorenzo D. Richardson,	1 50	06	
Warren Stevens,	1 50	06	
Alexander Sharp,	1 50	06	
Mrs. Wm. B. Walker,	7 50	30	
Armon C. Bullard,	2 25		
Fred C. Bullard,	1 50		
Levi Colby,	12 35		2 00
Luther Chaney,	17 82		
Loren H. Flanders,	3 54		
Francis Newton,	1 50		
Samuel Newton,	11 19		
Wm. H. Thomas,	7 50		
Clinton Foote,	1 50		
James Foote,	3 00		
W. H. Johnson,	1 50		
Huse & Briggs,	2 25	09	
H. M. Clark,	539 62	19 13	
Mrs. A. E. Foster,	8 75	30	
P. S. H. Gile,	1 75	06	
Taylor D. Lakin,	67 24	2 29	
Fredrick Newton,	12 00		
Isaac Fletcher,	81		
Job D. Thomas,	4 14		
Lorenzo Rogers,	5 25		
John D. Cooper,	3 02		

REPORT OF THE SEXTON OF THE TOWN OF BEN-
NINGTON TO FEB. 5, 1879.

NAMES.	AGE.	DIED.	DISEASE.	PLACE OF INTERM'NT
	y. m. d.	1878.		
Robert E. Dickey, Child of Mr. & Mrs. Cilly,	25 3 7	April 3.	Consumpt'n	Bennington
George L. Martin,	6	May 29.		"
	37	Oct. 10.	Appoplexy of lungs.	"
Alexander Caldwell,	87 3 10	Nov. 8.	General de- bility.	"
		1879.		
Mrs. Samuel Abbott,	73	Feb. 5.	Lung fever.	"

Respectfully submitted.

F. M. HILLS, Sexton.

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